

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 6494  
OFFERED BY MR. MANN OF KANSAS**

Add at the end the following:

1   **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE OPERATING PRESSURE.**

2           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 60139 of title 49, United  
3 States Code, is amended—

4               (1) in subsection (c)(1)(A) by inserting “except  
5 as provided in subsection (e),” before “require”;

6               (2) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
7 section (f); and

8               (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
9 lowing:

10       “(e) PREVIOUSLY TESTED TRANSMISSION LINES.—

11               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall not re-  
12 quire an owner or operator of a pipeline facility to  
13 reconfirm the maximum allowable operating pressure  
14 of a natural gas transmission pipeline pursuant to  
15 section 192.624 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-  
16 tions, or any other regulation issued under this sec-  
17 tion, if the owner or operator confirms the material  
18 strength of the pipeline through prior testing con-  
19 ducted to a sufficient minimum pressure in accord-

1       ance with prevailing safety standards and practices,  
2       including any applicable class location factors, and  
3       documented in contemporaneous records.”.

4       (f) WORKING GROUP REPORT.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—No later than 30 days after  
6       the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
7       Transportation shall create a working group (herein-  
8       after referred to as the “Working Group”) to, not  
9       later than 180 days after such date, provide a report  
10      with recommendations on the minimum pressure and  
11      contemporaneous records that are sufficient to con-  
12      firm the material strength of a pipeline through  
13      prior testing.

14          (2) MEMBERS.—The Working Group shall rep-  
15      resent fairly balance points of view and—

16           (A) shall be comprised of the Adminis-  
17      trator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
18      Safety Administration, State pipeline regu-  
19      lators, and public and industry stakeholders;  
20      and

21           (B) may include members of the Technical  
22      Pipeline Safety Standards Committee or be con-  
23      ducted in a manner that otherwise ensures  
24      input from the public, as determined appro-  
25      priate by the Secretary.

1           (3) CONSIDERATION.—In preparing the report  
2       required under paragraph (1), the Working Group—

3           (A) shall consider historical practices and  
4       all available research conducted regarding min-  
5       imum pressure and contemporaneous records on  
6       transmission pipelines; and

7           (B) may consider the need for any addi-  
8       tional research or analyses needed to dem-  
9       onstrate the adequacy of any strength testing  
10      performed.

11          (4) APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—Chapter 10 of  
12      title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to the  
13      Working Group.

14          (5) RULEMAKING.—If the Working Group rec-  
15      ommends that the regulations issued pursuant to  
16      section 60139 of title 49, United States Code, re-  
17      quire revision, the Secretary of Transportation shall  
18      initiate a rulemaking to make such revisions.

